

U.S. COMMISSION ON CIVIL RIGHTS

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TO: Regional Programs Coordination Unit, Office of the Staff Director
FROM: Ivy L. Davis, Director, Eastern Regional Office
SUBJECT: Report of Official New York Advisory Committee

1. **Type of meeting:** Briefing (2 days)
2. **Date:** Monday and Tuesday, March 20-21, 2017; 9 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. (EDT)
3. **Location:** CUNY School of Law, Auditorium, Long Island City, NY 11101

4. SAC members present:

Iris Y. Chen
Roy C. Cosme
Bryanne A. Hamill
Gertrud Lenzer
Vivian S. Louie
Robert L. Paquette
Johnny Perez
Steven B. Raga
Kevin Thomas
Alex S. Vitale
Tom Wahl, Jr.
Earl S. Ward
Peter W. Wood

5. SAC members absent:

Alexandra D. Korry, Chair
Sandra L. Dunn
Roderick M. Hills, Jr.
Julian G. Ku

Excused

6. **Agency staff present:** Barbara J. de La Viez, Deputy Director, ERO-USCCR; Commissioner David Kladney, USCCR

7. **Other persons attending:** Shoshana Brown and Christine Parker, Sullivan and Cromwell
Agenda: Attached
Public Attendance list: attached as an addendum

8. Summary of items discussed and actions taken.

The New York Advisory Committee to the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights held a public briefing to examine whether the policies and practices of the New York Police Department (NYPD) have a disproportionate impact on youth of color. The Committee also looked at the accountability policies governing members of the NYPD. The Committee was particularly interested in whether NYPD policies and practices regarding "Broken Windows," gang-intervention, use of force, and school safety disproportionately affect youth of color. The Committee also looked at the current structure and effectiveness of the internal and external oversight of members of the NYPD, including the role of the Civilian Complaint Review Board, body cameras, and officer training.

Meeting adjourned at: 12:54 p.m.

Minutes prepared by: Barbara J. de La Véz

Date: May 9, 2017

Reviewed by Chair: Alexandra Kerry

Date: May 9, 2017

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U.S. Commission on Civil Rights**

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Monday, March 20, 2017

AGENDA

- I. Welcome and Introductions** 9:00 am
- II. Briefing** 9:15 am to 5:30 pm
- Panel One: Low-Level Enforcement/Broken Windows 9:15 to 10:45
Dennis Flores, Founder, El Grito de Sunset Park
Robert Gangi, Founder and Director, Police Reform Organizing Project
Joo-Hyun Kang, Director, Communities United For Police Reform
Tom Krever, Chief Executive Officer, Hetrick-Martin Institute
Lynn Lewis, former Executive Director, Picture the Homeless
- Panel Two: Low-Level Enforcement/Broken Windows 10:45 to 11:45
Jenn Rolnick Borchetta, Deputy Director of Impact Litigation, The Bronx Defenders
Brett Stoudt, Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice
Steve Zeidman, Professor, Director of the Criminal Defense Clinic, CUNY School of Law
- Break 11:45 to 12:00*
- Panel Three: School Policing Practices and Accountability 12:00 to 1:30
Nancy Ginsburg, Advocacy Director, The Legal Aid Society of NY
Johanna Miller, Advocacy Director, New York Civil Liberties Union
Rohini Singh, Project Director, School Justice Project, Advocates for Children
Elizabeth Sullivan, Education Campaigns Director, National Economic and Social Rights Initiative
- Lunch Break 1:30 to 2:15*
- Panel Four: School Policing Practices and Accountability 2:15 to 3:45
Zion Agostini, Youth Leader, Make the Road NY
Cami Anderson, Founder and Managing Partner, Third Way Solutions
Kesi Foster, Coordinator, Urban Youth Collaborative
Maryanne Kiley, Executive Director, New York Educators for Excellence
Claudia Whittingham, Special Education Liaison, New York City Department of Education
- Panel Five: School Policing Practices and Accountability 3:45 to 4:45
Kathleen DeCataldo, Exec. Director, NY State Permanent Judicial Commission on Justice for Children
Daniel Dromm, Council Member, District 25, City of New York
- Break 4:45 – 5:00*
- Panel Six: Low-Level Enforcement/Broken Windows 5:00 to 5:30
Vanessa Gibson, Council Member, District 16, City of New York

III. Open Session

IV. Adjournment

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Tuesday, March 21, 2017

AGENDA

- I. Welcome** 9:00 am
- II. Briefing** 9:15 pm to 4:15 pm
- Panel One: Police Accountability 9:15 to 10:30
Hassan Aden, Senior Advisor, Vera Institute of Justice
Darius Charney, Senior Staff Attorney, Center for Constitutional Rights
Norman Siegel, Civil Rights Attorney, Siegel Teitelbaum & Evans, LLP
- Panel Two: Police Accountability 10:30 to 12:00
Jeffrey Fagan, Isidor and Seville Sulzbacher Professor of Law, Columbia Law School
Delores Jones-Brown, Professor, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Mina Malik, Lecturer on Law, Senior Advisor to Fair Punishment Project, Harvard Law School
Maria Ponomarenko, Deputy Director of the Policing Project, NYU School of Law
- Break 12:00 to 12:15*
- Panel Three: Police Accountability 12:15 to 1:00
Jonathan Darche, New York City Civilian Complaint Review Board
Hon. Jumaane Williams, Council Member, District 45, City of New York
- Lunch Break 1:00 to 1:45*
- Panel Four: Drug Enforcement/Use of Force 1:45 to 3:15
Darian Agostini, Police Accountability Youth Organizer, Make the Road NY
Christopher Dunn, Associate Legal Director, New York Civil Liberties Union
Kassandra Frederique, New York State Director, Drug Policy Alliance
Jonathan Moore, Civil Rights Attorney, Beldock Levine & Hoffman, LLP
Taylornn Murphy Sr., Parent and Advocate
- Panel Five: Drug Enforcement/Use of Force 3:15 to 4:15
David Brotherton, Professor of Sociology, John Jay College of Criminal Justice, CUNY
Harry Levine, Professor of Sociology at Queens College/Graduate Center, CUNY
- III. Adjournment**